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In Re Application of:

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Title: DUAL-PURPOSE PRIMERS AND PROBES FOR PROVIDING ENHANCED HYBRIDIZATION ASSAY BY
DISRUPTION OF SECONDARY STRUCTURE FORMATION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed on August 9, 2006, please reconsider this application in view of the amendments and remarks set forth in this paper. As this paper is timely filed within the three-month shortened statutory period for response, no extension fee accompanies this paper. Filed concurrently with this paper is a Petition to Correct Order of Inventors and an Application Data Sheet showing the new order of inventors.

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

An amendment to the specification is set forth on page 2 of this paper.

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

The listing of the claims is set forth on pages 3 to 8 of this paper.

REMARKS:

Applicants' remarks in support of this application are set forth on pages 9 to 13 of this paper.